

Graduate Council Minutes
April 29, 2014
12:30 – 2:00 p.m.
Main Campus, Student Union, Room 2582

Present: Peter Andreana, Brian Ashburner, Ainsworth Bailey, Barbaranne Benjamin, Amanda Bryant-Friedrich, Amy Thompson for Joseph Dake, Maria Diakonova, Michael Dowd, Ali Fatemi, Brian Fink, Charlene Gilbert, David Giovannucci, Hans Gottgens, Stephen Prunier for GSA, Phillip Gribble, Dwight Haase, Susanna Hapgood, Margaret Hopkins, Ruth Hottell, Jason Huntley, David Jex, Jon Kirchhoff, Patricia Komuniecki, Marcia McInerney, William Messer, Holly Monsos, Douglas Nims, Ron Opp, Susan Pocotte, Dorothea Sawicki, Constance Schall, Barbara Schneider, Rebecca Schneider, Diana Shvydka, Snejana Slantcheva-Durst, Cynthia Smas, Susan Sochacki, Pamela Stover, Mark Templin, Gerard Thompson, Viranga Tillekeratne, Jerry Van Hoy, Lois Ventura, Kandace Williams.

Excused: Mary Ellen Edwards, Rodney Gabel, Kay Grothaus, Mohamed Samir Hefzy, Virginia Keil, Junghwan Kim, Anand Kunnathur, William Messer, Nick Piazza, Patricia Relue, Deborah Vestal.

Absent: Barbara Kopp Miller, Randall Ruch.

Guest: Sheryl Milz.

Call to Order, Roll Call, and Approval of Minutes

The meeting was called to order and the roll called. There were no Minutes to be approved at this time.

Executive Reports

Report of the Executive Committee of the Graduate Council

David Giovannucci, Graduate Council (GC) Chair, imparted the ostensible Chinese blessing, “May you live in interesting times.” From the President of the university stepping down, to the departure of a Chancellor and Dean, to a government shutdown, to financial challenges, to looming mass retirements, to contracting federal support for research and state support for higher education—Chair Giovannucci stated that we are all well blessed! However, even with so many uncertainties, Chair Giovannucci remains undaunted, fundamentally optimistic and proud to be associated with a group of very talented educators and problem-solvers. At the conclusion of the 2013-2014 GC meeting today, Chair Giovannucci will pass the gavel to Ron Opp, Council Chair-Elect for 2014-2015 GC. Chair Giovannucci stated that chairing and serving the Graduate Faculty for the past year has been a privilege. In underscoring a few items from this year’s GC, Chair Giovannucci declared that a new constitution was passed which better articulated our *raison d’être*. Clarity was provided on Assessment and Program Review Policies. Input was also provided on sabbatical policies and strategic hiring. He also indicated that a major goal at the beginning of the year was to broaden the role and recognition of the GC and faculty, as well as the graduate programs, to the Administration, the Board of Trustees and the University. Chair Giovannucci feels confident of the progress made in those areas. This year also included visits from the President, Provost and, for the first time, the Chair of the Board of Trustees. In addition, often coordinating efforts with the College of Graduate Studies (COGS) Dean, Vice Chair Opp and Chair Giovannucci had the opportunity to advocate and inform others regarding GC on the University Council and its standing committees, senior leadership workshops, and on search committees. Chair Giovannucci thanked the Graduate Council Executive Committee (GCEC)—including last year’s chair, Nick Piazza, Chair-Elect Ron Opp, Rebecca Schneider, Ruth Hottell, Cynthia Smas and GSA liaison Jill Brown. He also acknowledged the hard work of the committee chairs—Samir Hefzy, Chair of the Membership

Committee; John Plenefisch, Chair of the Curriculum Committee; Susan Pocotte, Chair of the Graduate Student Affairs Committee, and Mark Templin, Chair of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee—and he thanked the committee members as well. Chair Giovannucci expressed his gratitude to Bill Messer, the new Vice President for Research, for his insight and commitment to the co-mingled missions of research and graduate education. He also recognized and thanked Dean Komuniecki for her collaboration, friendship and dedication to the graduate faculty and for her unfaltering advocacy and promotion of graduate and professional education at The University of Toledo. In closing, Chair Giovannucci extended his heartfelt appreciation to Ms. Terri Hayes and Ms. Denise Gayer in the College of Graduate Studies for their constant support and behind-the-scenes work. While Chair Giovannucci is happy at the prospect of having a few more hours each week to devote to his research and students, he looks forward to continuing to serve the Graduate Faculty as a member of the GC and the GCEC next year.

Report of the Graduate Student Association (GSA)

Stephen Prunier, Treasurer of GSA, stated that new officers are in position for AY 2014-2015. Aaron Shaw will be returning as President, Joe Vrtiska, who is also attending today's meeting with Stephen Prunier, will be the Vice President, Zachary Laumer will be the Treasurer, Jennifer Haupricht will be the Main Campus Secretary, Alcy Barakat will be the Health Science Campus Secretary, and Justin Hughes will be the Communications Specialist. The GSA is still soliciting feedback regarding the recently held Midwest Graduate Research Symposium (MGRS) as soon as possible. He asked that input be directed to the GSA as they want to analyze suggested changes, improvements, etc. Mr. Prunier thanked the GC for its support of the GSA and states that they are looking forward to another successful year.

Report of the Vice Provost for Graduate Affairs and Dean of the College of Graduate Studies

Dean Komuniecki provided the following updates:

- *Fall 2014 Enrollments*
The news is not very promising at this point, but there is still hope for a flurry of acceptances in the next month or so. The College of Graduate Studies (COGS) has processed 3,032 applications and 598 students have already been admitted for fall—which is 144 more than this time last year. However, overall tracking reports from Institutional Research indicate projections of 10% down in graduate headcount and 14% down in graduate FTE! As the term is winding down, please be sure that your units have reviewed all of the completed applications and have made offers to the qualified students. Dean Komuniecki offered her thanks and stated that it is critical that enrollment numbers rise—or it will be unlikely that budget allocations can be maintained going forward.
- *Graduate Housing*
The Academic House will be going offline for undergraduate Honors students as new housing is provided in MacKinnon, Scott and Tucker. Dean Komuniecki asked the GC for feedback regarding the concept of transforming the Academic House into graduate housing and a residence for visiting scholars and short stay guest speakers. This was discussed with the GCEC and great enthusiasm was shown for this concept. If time allows, Dean Komuniecki would like to have a brief discussion today during the meeting.
- *University Commencements—Saturday, May 3, 2014*
The University Commencements will be May 3, 2014 but college specific commencement ceremonies will be held on other dates for Engineering, Medicine and Life Sciences, Nursing, and Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. COGS anticipates awarding 124 doctoral degrees, 554 master degrees, 8 education specialists, and 52 graduate certificates.
 - Morning Ceremony—9:30 a.m.—includes the College of Health Sciences, Judith Herb College of Education and the College of Social Justice and Human Service.

- Afternoon Ceremony—2:00 p.m.—includes the College of Business and Innovation, College of Communication and the Arts, College of Languages, Literature and Social Sciences, and College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics.
- Dean Komuniecki extended her gratitude to all who will be assisting her on Saturday. Dr. Susan Pocotte will assist with the diploma cases; Dr. Thea Sawicki will carry the COGS banner; Dr. David Giovannucci will read the names of the doctoral candidates; Dr. Jerry Van Hoy and Dr. Rebecca Schneider will be serving as marshals for the morning ceremony as well as Dr. Cynthia Smas and Dr. Jiquan Chen who will be serving as marshals for the afternoon ceremony.

Information and Discussion Items

Recognition of COGS Scholarship and Award Recipients

Dean Komuniecki recognized the following scholarship recipients and presented their awards:

- ***Robert N. Whiteford Memorial Scholarship***

Presented to a graduate student to assist in research for the thesis, project or dissertation and further the student's professional development. This year the committee selected a doctoral student from the 23 applicants to receive this \$400 award. The 2014 Whiteford recipient is **Mr. Aaron Diehr**. Mr. Diehr is a final year doctoral student in Health Education in the Department of Health and Recreation Professions in the College of Health Sciences working with Dr. Jiunn-Jye Sheu. He earned his undergraduate degree in English from The Ohio State University in 2004 and his M.A. in English from DePaul in 2007. He has held several teaching posts prior to starting his doctoral program at UT. Aaron is passionate about addressing health disparities and facilitating social change. His dissertation is the first national study assessing common barriers and practices in state minority health offices. He has already co-authored four conference presentations and six publications in health education. He has participated in research on social marketing campaigns for male minority youths regarding HIV testing, and his work has recently been recognized by the American Public Health Association. In addition to his outstanding community public health/education work, he also has served as teaching assistant.

- ***Helen M. Fields Memorial Achievement Award***

Presented to a graduate student with an excellent academic record in the field of English or Education. This year's recipient is **Ms. Kateryna Kuzubova** who will receive a check for \$1,000. Ms. Kuzubova is completing her second year as a doctoral student in the Counselor Education and Supervision program in the Department of School Psychology, Legal Specialties and Counselor Education in the College of Social Justice and Human Service. She is advised by Dr. Christopher Roseman. Originally from Ukraine, where she earned her Bachelor's degree in Christian Leadership, Ms. Kuzubova came to the USA and then earned her M.A. in Counseling from Cincinnati Christian University in 2012. She entered the UT doctoral program that year, and has already earned her Professional Counselor Licensure. Last summer, she worked at the Center for Adolescent Substance Abuse in Boston. For years, Ms. Kuzubov has focused on working with individuals who are suffering from many kinds of abuse. This summer she will return to Ukraine to educate college students about the importance of mental health. She has made three presentations and also has a publication on treatment options for opioid dependent youth.

- ***Robert R. Buell Memorial Achievement Award***

Presented to a graduate student in any college who best exemplifies scholarly excellence in the physical and biological sciences, has maintained a genuine interest in the social sciences and humanities, and plans a career in education. This year the committee wished to recognize a doctoral student who will receive a \$1,000 award. The 2014 Buell awardee is **Ms. Hoangha Dao**. Ms. Dao is a fourth year doctoral student in Bioengineering in the College of Engineering working with Dr. Scott Molitor on traumatic

brain injury. Originally from Vietnam, Hoangha has lived in Toledo since she was 7 years old and earned her undergraduate degree in Bioengineering magna cum laude with a Chemistry minor here at UT in 2009. Her doctoral research focuses on the relationship between blood-brain barrier disruption and traumatic brain injury—work that involves a wide variety of techniques including surgical, histological, immunocytochemical, electrophysiological, and behavioral techniques. She has co-authored three presentations, is a co-author on a submitted manuscript and will be first author on another manuscript. Further, she displays a passion for science and engineering education and for the past two years she has been a graduate assistant with the NSF funded NURTURES grant working to improve the success of first year engineering students in mathematics.

- ***Richard I. Bostleman Memorial Scholarship***

Presented to a graduate student who has successfully completed an undergraduate degree and participated for at least two years in NCAA level intercollegiate athletics at UT. This year's recipient recommended by the Fellowships/Scholarships Committee and selected by the Bostleman family to receive \$2,400 is **Ms. Richelle Gray**. Ms. Gray is seeking the Occupational Therapy Doctorate in the College of Health Sciences. She earned her BS magna cum laude in Recreational Therapy in August 2013. During her undergraduate years, she was a walk-on all four years on both the cross country and track teams at UT. She has also worked at least 20 hours/week in various positions, including serving as a home health aide for a quadriplegic patient for the past two years. This year, she has served as a graduate assistant in the Department of Rehabilitation Services and her doctoral advisor is Dr. Martin Rice. She is actively involved in community outreach, including work with Gliding Stars—an adaptive ice skating program for children with disabilities, and is serving as the current President of the Student Occupational Therapy Association. Richelle's accomplishments as a scholar, caregiver and athlete make her an outstanding choice for the 2014 Bostleman Award.

Recognition of GSA Graduate Research Award Recipients

Mr. Stephen Prunier, GSA Treasurer, reported that this is the second year for the GSA Research Awards. Applicants were asked to fill out an application and submit a project proposal, budget and letter of support from his/her academic advisor. Forty-four proposals were received and six awards will be made today. The total amount awarded is \$10,000 to assist the graduate students with research. Mr. Prunier was pleased to present certificates to the recipients of the 2014 Graduate Student Association Research Award:

- ❖ Shweta Aras – *College of Medicine and Life Sciences* - Role of SWI/SNF Chromatin Remodeling Enzymes in the Repair of UV Radiation Induced DNA Damage
- ❖ Kevin Hardegree-Ullman – *College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics* - Characterizing the Atmospheres of Substellar Objects and Extrasolar Planets
- ❖ Kush Hareshkumar Patel – *College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences* - An Insulin Drug Delivery Based on Calcium Alginate Nanoparticles
- ❖ Justin Pfeifer – *College of Languages, Literature and Social Sciences* - German Perceptions of the Soviet Union in World War II
- ❖ Megan Elizabeth Quinlevan – *College of Health Sciences* - Differences in Muscular Endurance and Running Gait between Runners with and without Running-Related Musculoskeletal Injuries
- ❖ Aaron Svoboda – *College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics* - Effects of Urban River Rehabilitation Structures on the Fish Community in the Ottawa River

Standing Committee Reports

Curriculum Committee

On behalf of the Graduate Council Curriculum Committee (GCCC), Chair Dr. John Plenefisch, reported that the GCCC reviewed and approved the following curriculum. Council approved all unanimously.

New Program Proposal (Certificate)

College	Department	Program	Summary of change
MD	PUBH	Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences (MSBS) in Population Health	A new track under the MSBS program umbrella. It consists of completion of 21 credits in required courses in Health Epidemiology (PUBH 6010), Behavior (PUBH 6600) and Population Health (NURS 7060), Health or Population Economic (ECON 5750 or ECON 5050) and in Health Law or Policy (LAWI 9630 or PSC 5330), a Scholarly Project (INDI 6980), and a new Readings course (INDI 6920 [see associated new course proposal]), and 9 elective credits from a menu of related courses. The degree is targeted towards future clinicians, and is distinct from the existing MPH degree.

New Course Proposals

College	Department	Course Name	Course Number	Change in course
MD	PUBH	Readings in Population Health	INDI 6920	Reading and Discussion of articles in primary and other literature that address cultural competence, health communications and critical reading of medical and health studies.
PH	PHCL	From Experimental to Applied Therapeutics	PHCL 5500	Discussion of groups of structurally related drugs, their basic molecular pharmacological actions, and clinical applications. Molecular actions of clinical toxicity for some drugs will also be discussed. Alternative to MBC 6190/8190 in Experimental Therapeutic program.
PH	PHCL	From Experimental to Applied Therapeutics	PHCL 7500	same as above

The following curriculum was also reviewed and approved by the GCCC:

Program Revision

College	Department	Program	Summary of change
MD	Radiation Oncology	Medical Physics	Change credit hours from 73 to 55. Drop MPHY 6630 (5 credits), Other reductions in total program credits are due to reductions in credits for existing courses (see related ECMs). Restructuring to bring into line with American Board of Radiology professional certification requirements

Course Modifications

College	Department	Course Name	Course Number	Change in course
MD	Radiation Oncology	Survey of Diagnostic Medical Imaging I	MPHY 6010	Change in course title (from Radiation Physics I) to better reflect the course content as a diagnostic survey course and in course description. Specific title and content will be more in line with CAMPEP and ABR requirements for national accreditation and to better prepare students for board certification.
MD	Radiation Oncology	Survey of Diagnostic Medical Imaging II	MPHY 6020	Change in course title (from Radiation Physics II), course description. Specific title and content to reflect the course curriculum that will be more in line with CAMPEP and ABR requirements for national accreditation and to better prepare students for board certification.
MD	Radiation Oncology	Radiation Dosimetry I	MPHY 6120	Change credit hours from 4 to 3, catalog description, number of lectures number of lectures will be reduced from 16 to 13; coverage of several topics will be shortened and combined as appropriate
MD	Radiation Oncology	Radiation Dosimetry II	MPHY 6130	Change credit hours from 4 to 3, catalog description, number of lectures reduced from 16 to 14, each lecture will be shortened, coverage of several topics will be shortened and combined as appropriate

MD	Radiation Oncology	Radiation Biology	MPHY 6160	Change credit hours from 4 to 3, catalog description, number of lectures will be the same, each lecture will be shortened.
MD	Radiation Oncology	Anatomy/ Physiology	MPHY 6310	Change credit hours from 6 to 4, catalog description, course home will move to Neuroscience Department , number of lectures will be reduced; coverage of some topics will be shortened and combined as appropriate
MD	Radiation Oncology	Clinical Training in Radiation Oncology Physics I	MPHY 6610	Change credit hours from 8 to 4, catalog description.
MD	Radiation Oncology	Clinical Training in Radiation Oncology Physics II	MPHY 6620	Change credit hours from 8 to 4, catalog description.

The GC unanimously approved the curriculum submitted herein.

Membership Committee

On behalf of Dr. Mohamed Samir Hefzy, Chair Giovannucci informed GC that the Membership Committee reviewed and approved one urgent Graduate Faculty Membership Application for special membership.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Dean Komuniecki recognized Dr. Giovannucci’s dedication and hard work as chair of Graduate Council this past year. The following resolution was read, seconded, and approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION:

Whereas, Dr. David Giovannucci has provided dedicated and excellent leadership to Graduate Council as Chair during the 2013-2014 academic year.

Therefore, be it resolved that the University of Toledo Graduate Council extends its deepest gratitude to Dr. David Giovannucci for his efforts and guidance as Graduate Council Chair.

Dean Komuniecki, on behalf of the Graduate Council, thanked Dr. Giovannucci for his service and presented him with a personalized souvenir gavel and a resolution certificate.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Council adjourned at 1:35 p.m. and the gavel was passed to the new GC Chair, Dr. Ron Opp.



Call to Order and Roll Call of the 2014-2015 Graduate Council

Executive Reports

None.

Information and Discussion Items

Election of Officers for Graduate Council 2014-2015

Chair Opp initiated the election of officers informing Council that the Chair has a seat on the University Council and that the Chair Elect automatically becomes the Chair the following year.

Election of officers was conducted by secret, paper ballot (ballots were distributed by Ms. Terri Hayes and Ms. Denise Gayer; ballots were tallied by Ms. Terri Hayes and Dr. David Giovannucci) with the following results:

- Chair Elect.....Rebecca Schneider
- At Large #1/Health Science Campus.....Cynthia Smas
- At Large #2/Health Science Campus.....Jason Huntley*
- At Large #3/Main Campus.....Charlene Gilbert

Standing Committee Reports

None.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Adjournment of the 2014-2015 Graduate Council

There being no further business, the Council adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

*Shortly after the meeting, COGS realized that Jason Huntley was serving as a substitute for Graduate Council Member April Gardner and was therefore ineligible to fill this GCEC position. Kelly Phillips (the second nominee for this position) will be filling the At Large #2/Health Science Campus position. All affected parties were consulted about this change.